

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

CONFIDENTIAL
MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-155

Magi No.

DOE ☒ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Whitehaven Schoolhouse (Whitehaven Historic District) within
and/or common Whitehaven Schoolhouse

2. Location

street & number Church Street N/A not for publication
city, town Whitehaven vicinity of _____ congressional district 35th
state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
|---|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Whitehaven United Methodist Church
c/o Quantico/Rockawalkin United Methodist Charge
street & number Rt. 1 Box 78 telephone no.: _____
city, town Hebron state and zip code MD 21830

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Courthouse liber 204
street & number _____ folio 239
city, town Salisbury state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Whitehaven Historic District
date 1980 ☒ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local
depository for survey records National Register of Historic Places
Maryland Historic Trust
city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today. Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Whitehaven Schoolhouse is located in the village of Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland. The east elevation of this one story, frame structure faces Church Street. The schoolhouse is supported by a brick foundation sealed with cement, and is sheathed with weatherboard siding and decorative shingles. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The earliest portion of the schoolhouse is the southern section which is capped with a gable roof oriented on a north/south axis. This section dates to around 1886. In 1908 an addition was constructed on the school's northern end consisting of a one room building capped with a gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. At this time a porch was added across the front of the older section as well. After 1908 grades 1 through 6 were taught in the old section of the school, while grades 7 through 9 were taught in the new section.

The east (main) elevation has a four bay facade. The two southern bays consist of a five panel door with a two-light transom window, and one six-over-six sash window with wide surrounds. A shed roof porch supported by four turned posts with decorative brackets extends from this oldest section of the schoolhouse. Three new brick steps provide access to the porch. The northern section of the schoolhouse consists of the 1908 gable end addition lit by two six-over-six sash windows with wide surrounds. This section is stepped forward from the main body of the schoolhouse, and a four panel door is located on its narrow southern elevation. This door opens onto the schoolhouse porch. The door was necessary to provide access to the 1908 addition which was separated from the older section of the school by an interior partition wall. Decorative cut shingles sheathe this elevation near the peak of the school's northern gable end.

The southern elevation is lit by two six-over-six sash windows with wide surrounds. Decorative cut shingles sheathe this elevation near the peak of the gable end.

The western elevation has two six-over-six sash windows with wide surrounds as its two southern bays. The northern gable end of this elevation (built in 1908) is lit by two six-over-six sash windows with wide surrounds. Decorative cut shingles sheathe this elevation near the peak of its northern gable end.

7.1 Description

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The northern elevation is lit by two six-over-six sash windows with widesurrounds.

The interior of the Whitehaven Schoolhouse is one large room except for the entrance hall and kitchen area on its southern end, separated from the whole of the structure by a set of double doors. This partition was built around 1937 at the same time that the partition separating the 1886 and 1908 sections of the schoolhouse was removed. The school's plank wood flooring is still in place as are chalk boards, and an old hand pump. The bottom third of the interior walls are paneled with wainscoating.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900– | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates 1908 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☒ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Whitehaven Schoolhouse is significant within the area of education because of its fifty year service to the children of village residents, from its opening as a grammar school around 1886 until its closure in 1935. Even after that fifty year period of formal educational training, the school continued to be used for educational purposes -- as the Sunday School room of the Whitehaven United Methodist Church. Following a brief hiatus, the schoolhouse is once again serving Whitehaven as the educational and social center of village life.

Locally, the Whitehaven Schoolhouse has significance as one of the few remaining one-room schoolhouses in Wicomico County still located on its original site. As such, it is an important part of the County's historical and educational heritage. Within the state context, the schoolhouse is significant as a contributing resource in the Village of Whitehaven. It is one of a cluster of buildings here which attest to the dynamism and self-sufficiency of 19th century rural communities.

Prior to the construction of the schoolhouse, Whitehaven was served by schools about three miles away, near the intersection of the present Clara and Capitola roads. As the population of the village grew, a school located at the village center became necessary. In 1886 the present schoolhouse lot was sold for \$1.00 to the County Commissioners by Elizabeth A.G. Catlin, who lived at Bolton (then called "Sunnyside") on property that included the lot.¹ The first room of the schoolhouse was built soon afterward. In 1908 the second room of the schoolhouse and a porch across the older section were built. Originally, grades 1 through 7 were held in the single room. After 1908, grades 7 through 9 were taught in the addition. The school continued to grow, and in 1912 the school grounds were doubled in size by the acquisition of a playground lot to the north.² The Whitehaven Schoolhouse remained active until 1935 when students began to be bused from Whitehaven to the village of Quantico.

¹ Wicomico County Land Records, Liber FMS 2, folio 47.

² Wicomico County Land Records, Liber 81, folio 53.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Wicomico County Land Records.

MHT Capital Grant Application, 1992.

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property .49 of an acre

Quadrangle name Wetipquin

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification "On the west side and binding upon the county road leading from White Haven to Green Hill, and bounded on the north and west by the land of George H. Larmore and Woodland Anderson, and bounded on the south by the land of Harry Covington." Wic. Land Records 204/239.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

| state | code | county | code |
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8.1 Significance

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Although the school closed in the late 1930s, it continued to serve the community as a landmark of education and social gathering. In 1937 the Whitehaven Methodist Church acquired the schoolhouse.³ The church used the structure for social events, such as church suppers and ice cream socials, and for Sunday school instruction. At this time, the entry hall to the schoolhouse was partitioned off from the rest of the structure for use as a kitchen. Once the church became inactive in 1975, the schoolhouse was refurbished and maintained as a "Country Store" and gift shop by Ted and Jan Crockett. Subsequently, Mrs. Betty Augustine made plans for a museum display in the building. Finally, it was used as storage space.

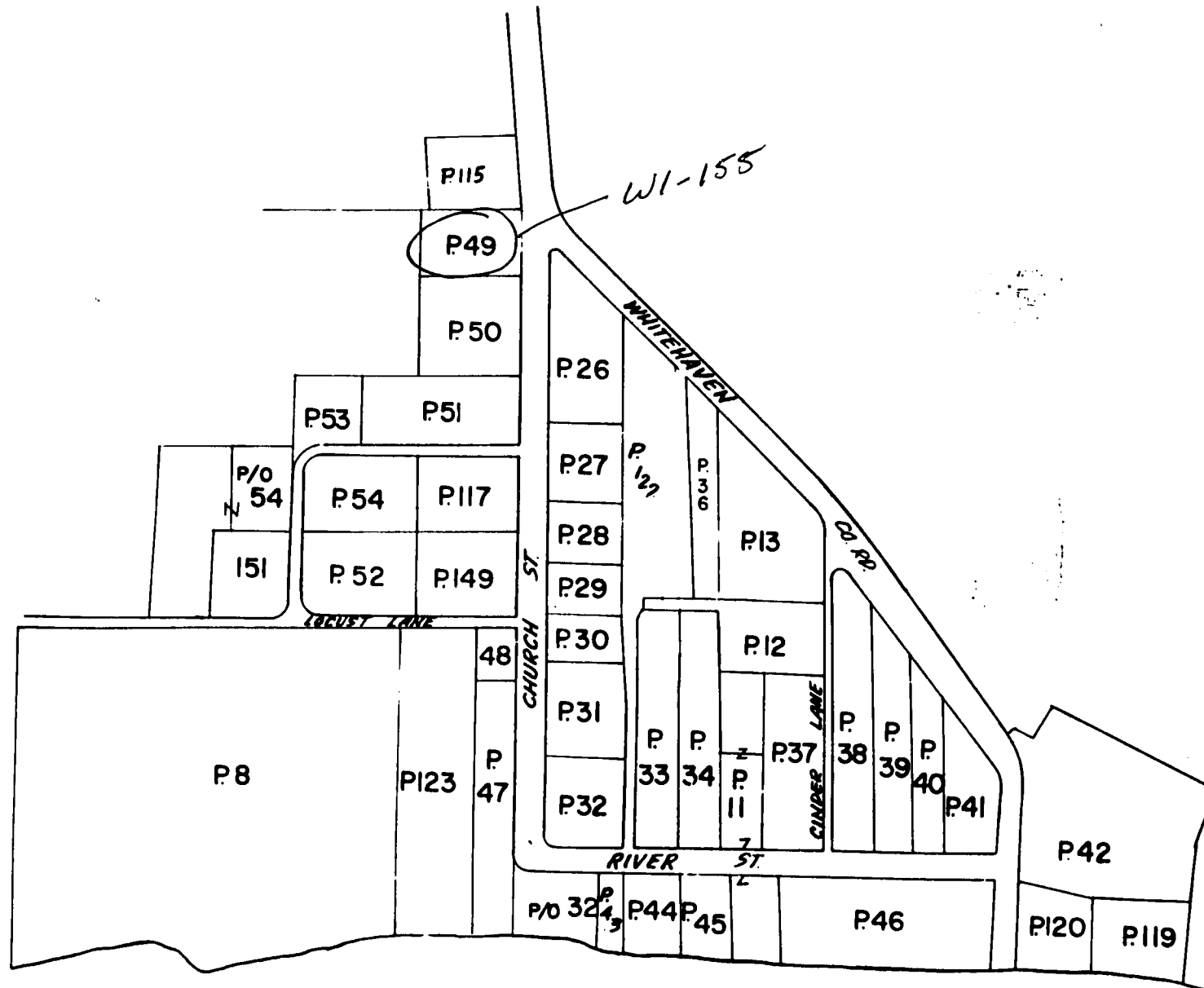
In 1991 the schoolhouse once again assumed its significance in the community as an educational and social landmark. At this time the Quantico Methodist Circuit made the school available for use by the Whitehaven Centennial Committee as a Community and Church Hall. Since that time, the schoolhouse has served as a meeting place for the Whitehaven Centennial Committee (now known as the Whitehaven Historical Society), as an exhibition space for local artists, and as a repository for archival documents and photographs relating to the village's history. Recently, the Whitehaven Historical Society applied to the Maryland Historic Trust for a Capital Grant for necessary repairs and improvements to the structure in order to insure its continued use as a community center, village archive, and art center. The Whitehaven Schoolhouse, which has functioned as an educational resource in the past, will now continue to serve the community as an educational center in the future.

³ Wicomico County Land Records, Liber 204, folio 239.

*The Whitehaven Historical Society has become incorporated as the Whitehaven Heritage Association, Inc.

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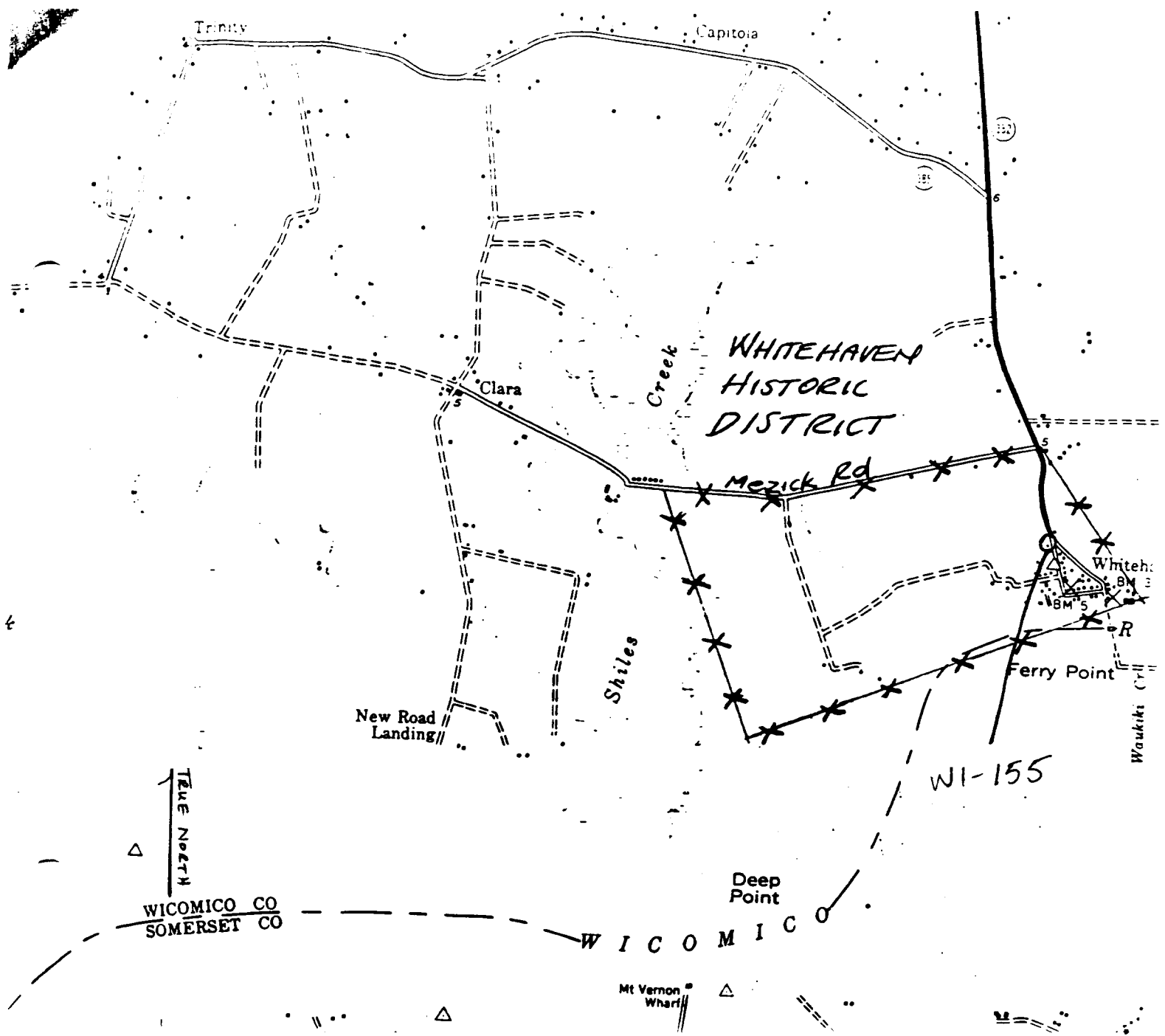
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Locational Map
 Whitehaven Schoolhouse, WI-155
 Wicomico County, MD
 Source: Wicomico County Tax Office

Locational Map
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1942 USGS Map, Wetipquin Quadrangle. Scale 1:24,000







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